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**AMENDMENT**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**

**Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 12/05/01. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the specification:**

- Please delete the original paragraph beginning on page 11, line 20 and ending at line 23, and replace it with the following rewritten paragraph:

A 1 In the above generalized formula (L), (T)<sub>x</sub>A represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic 6-membered ring or heteroaromatic 5 - 6 membered ring containing 1 - 2 atoms of N, O, or S. T represents one or more substituent groups, the subscript x represents the number of such substituent groups, and A represents the aromatic or heteroaromatic ring.